

HO-515, Shipley House
5794 Paradise Avenue, Elkridge
Surveyed by: Kristin Hill
March 2003

ADDENDUM

Section 3. Owner of Property

Melvin Gray
5794 Paradise Avenue
Elkridge, Maryland 21075

Section 4. Location of Legal Description

Howard County Courthouse
Ellicott City
Liber 317, Folio 4
Tax map 38, Parcel 684

Section 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

X Other Contributing building in the Elkridge Landing Historic Survey District, HO-784

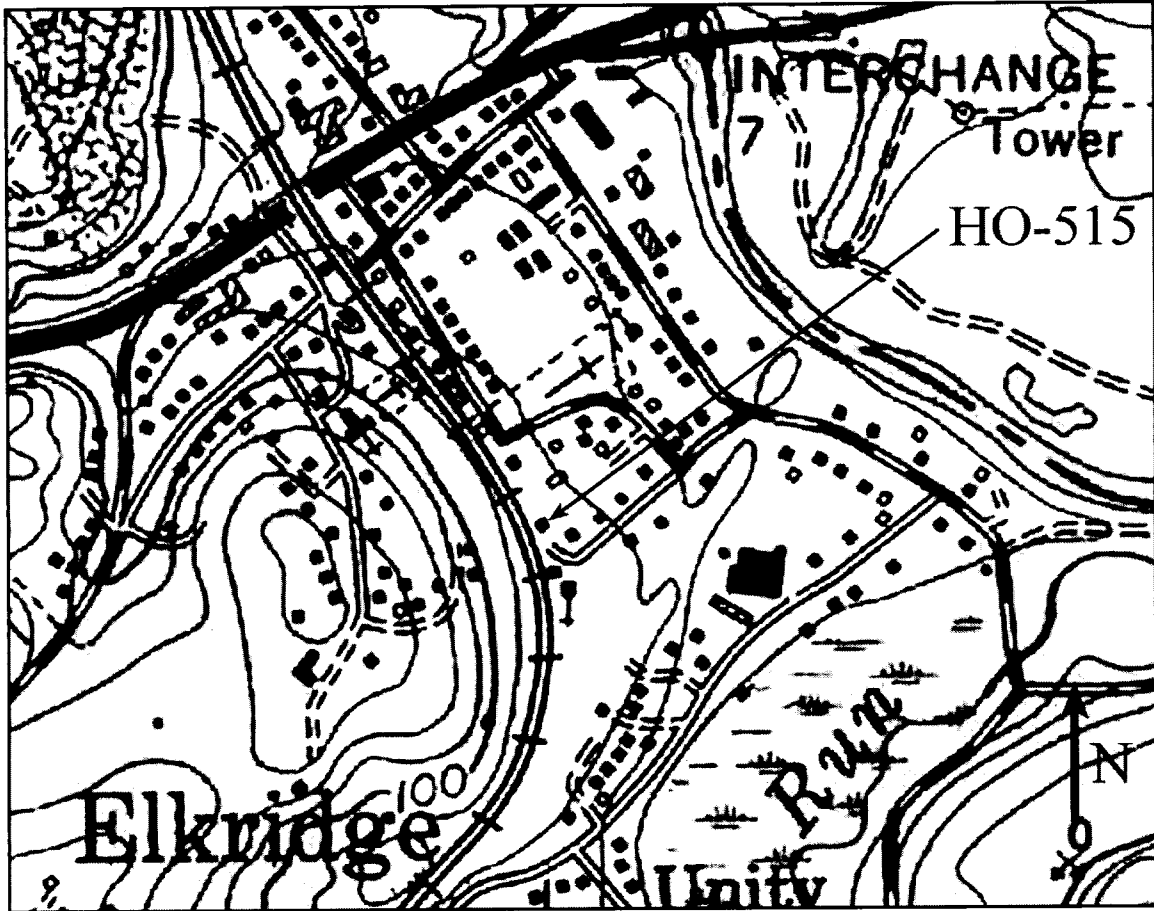
Section 7. Description

Condition: Heavily altered
Date: ca. 1875

This two story, three bay, gable-and-wing dwelling was recorded in the 1970's as the Shipley House. The house is located near the end of Paradise Avenue on the north side and is set back from the road. A very large two story, four bay frame addition on the east side of the house completely detracts from any remaining historic integrity that the original portion of the house may have had. The original portion of the structure is still clad in asbestos siding and has an asphalt shingle roof. All of the 2/2 windows noted in the original inventory form have been replaced with 1/1 vinyl units.

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HO-515, Shipley House
Elkridge, Howard County, MD
USGS Topographic Quadrangle, Relay
7.5 Minute Series, 1957 (PR 1966 and 1974)



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HO-515
The Shipley House
Elkridge
Private

circa 1878

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It is a three bay wide, one room deep, two and a half story high, gabled roof (running north-south) frame (covered with asbestos shingles) building, resting on a brick foundation with wide, central brick chimney, intersecting central gable (holding a two light fanlight) and one bay deep, one bay wide, two story high, intersecting gable roof (running east-west) frame east kitchen wing (covered with asbestos shingles) extending from the north side of the front section's east wall, resting on a fieldstone foundation and featuring a square brick chimney inset into the center of its east wall.

Fenestration for the house is proportionally scaled, vertically aligned, rectangular and double-hung, holding two-over-two lights. The central rectangular entrance door on the west elevation is surmounted by a two light transom and covered by a one story high, hipped roof enclosed porch, which runs along the entire west wall. A one story high open porch runs along this section's south wall, leading to the entrance to the new kitchen, created by enclosing and extending the one story high open porch, running along the south wall of the original kitchen wing.

The interior features an interesting floor plan with central dividing wall holding two, first floor fireplaces with a fine black marble mantelpiece on the north and a wooden, curvilinearly designed mantelpiece on the south.

A small central hall leads into the south room which holds a fine staircase in its southeast corner. Door frames are composed of fluted lintels and pilasters with squares at each corner decorated with circles.

Located on land once a part of Hanover, owned by Charity Fairbanks in 1866, who conveyed the property to Mary A. Shipley for \$50, the house was constructed sometime before 1878 where it is noted on the Hopkins Atlas.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

HO-515
Dist. 1

MHI # 14-05155604

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

The Shipley House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION 5794

STREET & NUMBER

Off Paradise Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Elkridge

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Howard

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☒ DISTRICT☐ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mr. Melvin Gray

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

5794 Paradise Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Elkridge

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 21227**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Tax Map 38, p. 684

Hall of Records

Liber #: 37

Folio #: 4

STREET & NUMBER

Howard County Court House

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Howard County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

1978-1979

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

21 State Circle, Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

7 DESCRIPTIONHO-515
Dist. 1**CONDITION**☒ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

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Fenestration for the house is proportionally scaled, vertically aligned, rectangular and double-hung, holding two-over-two lights. The central rectangular entrance door is surmounted by a two light transom.

Originally a one story high, shed roofed open porch ran along the south wall of this kitchen wing. This latter was enclosed and extended a bit southward to create a new modern kitchen, while the original kitchen then became a dining room and the north side of the front section of the house a master bedroom. A small section of the east side of the original kitchen then became a bath and hall. (Please see Figure 1)

The building features an interesting interior floor plan. The central entrance leads into a small, square hall with entrance on each side originally.

The south half of the front section of the house holds the staircase in the southeast corner of the room.

The dividing wall between the north and south rooms of this front section holds the wide brick fireplaces for each room. That on the north features a fine black marble mantelpiece, while that on the south features a fine wooden mantelpiece in a curvilinear design.

A hipped roof, enclosed, one story high porch runs along the west wall of this front section, while a one story high, open porch runs along its south wall, creating cover for the west entrance to the new kitchen.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

| PERIOD | | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
Local History | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | | |

SPECIFIC DATES circa 1878

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Shipley House is significant to Howard County and the State of Maryland architecturally as a fine example of a nineteenth century frame house and historically significant in its connection to Charity Fairbanks, who helped develop the north side of Paradise Avenue, leading up to the Old Baptist Church.

Architecturally, the building features an intersecting gable with two light fan-light and a square, central brick chimney inset in the middle of the dividing wall of the front section of the house, which holds a black marble mantelpiece on the north, and a frame curvilinearly designed mantelpiece on the south.

The floor plan is most noteworthy, for it features a small, square central hall leading into the south room which holds a southeast corner staircase. This is an exception from the more familiar central hall and staircase, running the length of the house taking floor space from the room on each side of it.

The west section rests on a brick foundation with the east section on a fieldstone foundation, leading to a belief that the east section might first have been constructed.

Historically, the land on which the house stands was once a part of a larger tract of land called "Hanover", from which a large part of Main Street, Elkridge was carved. Charity Fairbanks, the owner in 1866, is noted on the 1860 Martennet Map in the little house, located southwest of the Shipley House, and once owned by its owners, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Gray, who acquired the property from Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Carroll Toomey on June 21, 1958. (317-4) The Toomeys had acquired the two lots and houses from Mary A. Shipley, widow of Lloyd G. Shipley of Baltimore City, on July 26, 1887 (63-257) for \$1,000, who in turn had acquired these two lots and houses from Charity Fairbanks between the years 1866 and 1868.

Charity Fairbanks owned all of the north side of Paradise Avenue. Two buildings along this street are noted on the 1860 Martennet Map. One is the small, two story high, gabled roof (running east-west), four room frame house with square, central brick chimney, located just southwest of the Shipley House. This small house with a half acre of land was conveyed to Mary A. Shipley by Charity Fairbanks on January 26, 1866. (25-40) The other house is located on the northwest corner of Paradise and Railroad Avenues, designated as Mrs. Fairbanks House - HO-516. On August 10, 1868, Mrs. Fairbanks sold a second lot to Mrs. Shipley. (29-114) The 1878 Atlas indicates the east section of the north side of Paradise Avenue

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belonging to Mrs. Fairbanks, and the west side belonging to Mrs. Shipley. The present Shipley House on the second lot is also indicated.

~~This~~ little four room frame house, which dates from at least 1860, has been enlarged considerably by a two story high, east wing, along and extending north from its east wall, and has been completely modernized. It is now the property of a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Gray.

Of significance architecturally and historically to the State of Maryland and Howard County, the Shipley House, in conjunction with the Railroad Avenue Historic District, should be placed on the National Register of Historic Places, (should its residents so desire) as well as the State Critical Areas Program and any local landmark ordinance which the local residents might seek to initiate.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Howard County Land Records
Interview with Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Gray
February, 1979

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .25 acres

Please see Attachment 1, Tax Map 38

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Howard County Land Records, Liber 317 Folio 4

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE Maryland

COUNTY Howard

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Cleora Barnes Thompson, Archivist

ORGANIZATION

Office of Planning & Zoning-Comprehensive Planning Section

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

3450 Court House Drive

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

PRIVATE ROAD LEADING TO PARADISE AVENUE

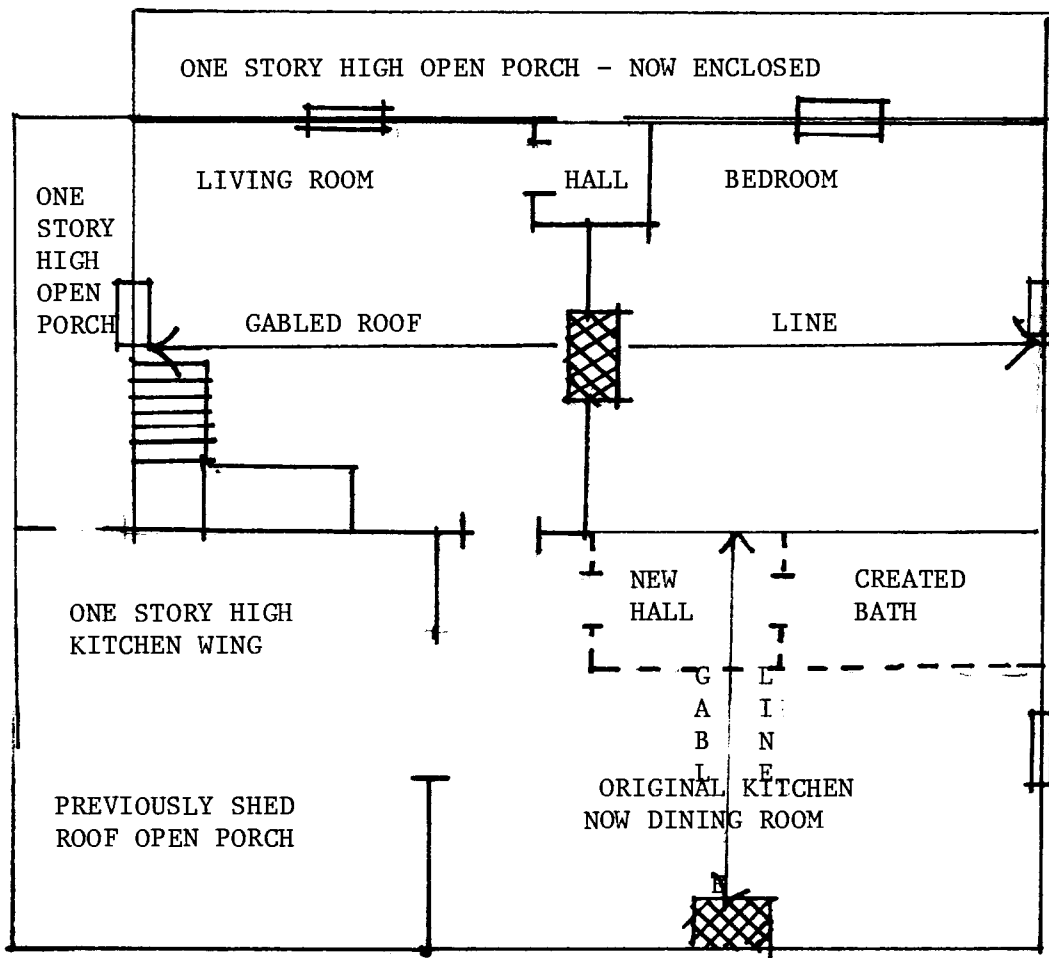
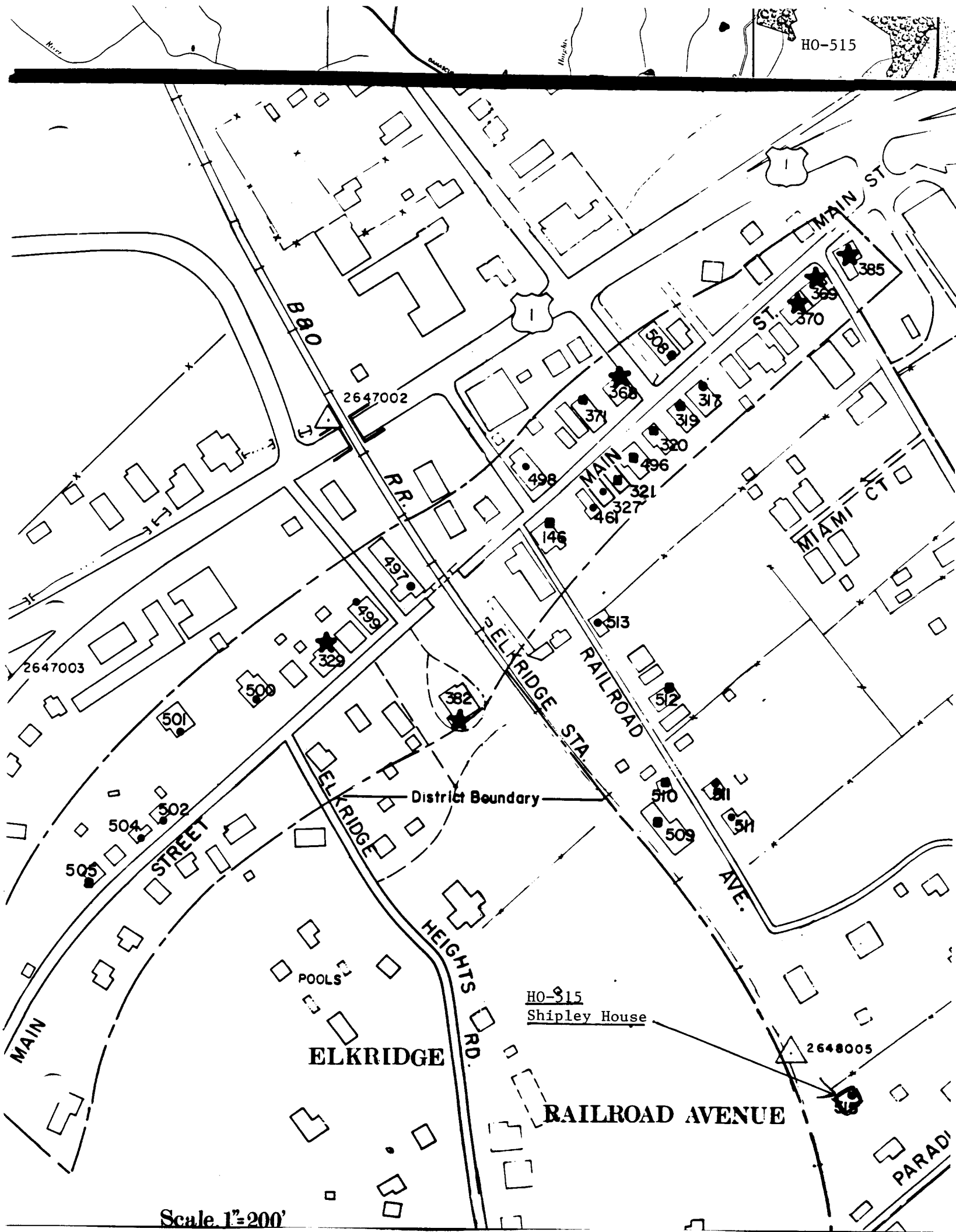
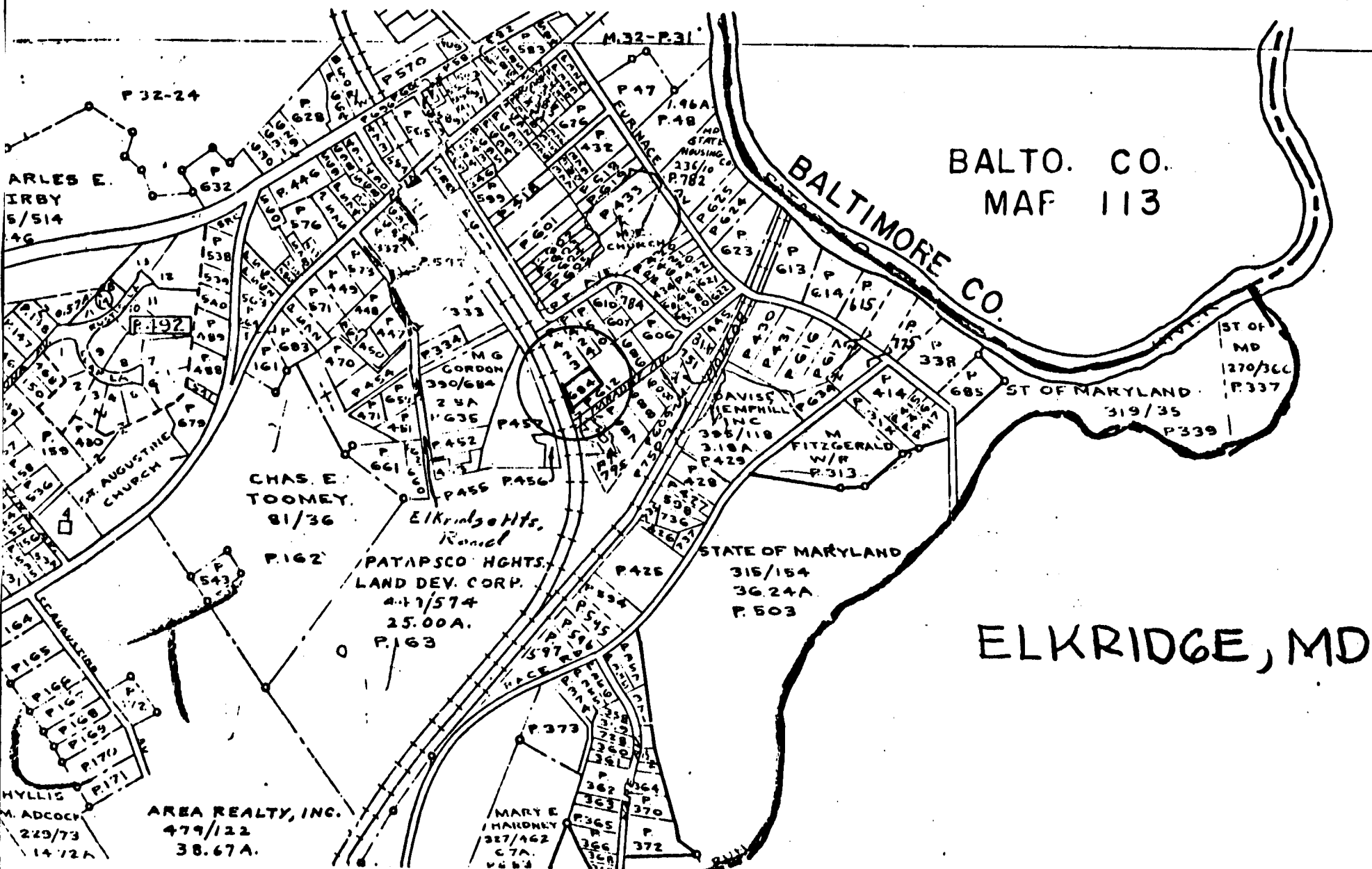


Figure 1
HO-515
Shipley House
First Floor Plan

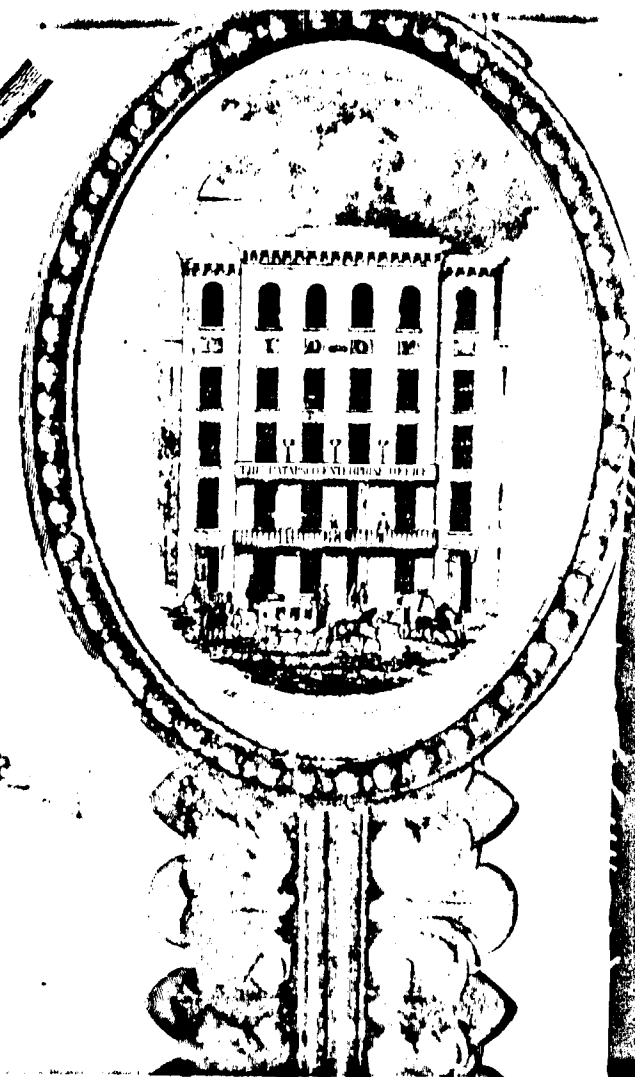


Attachment 1
HO-515
The Shipley House
T-x Map 38

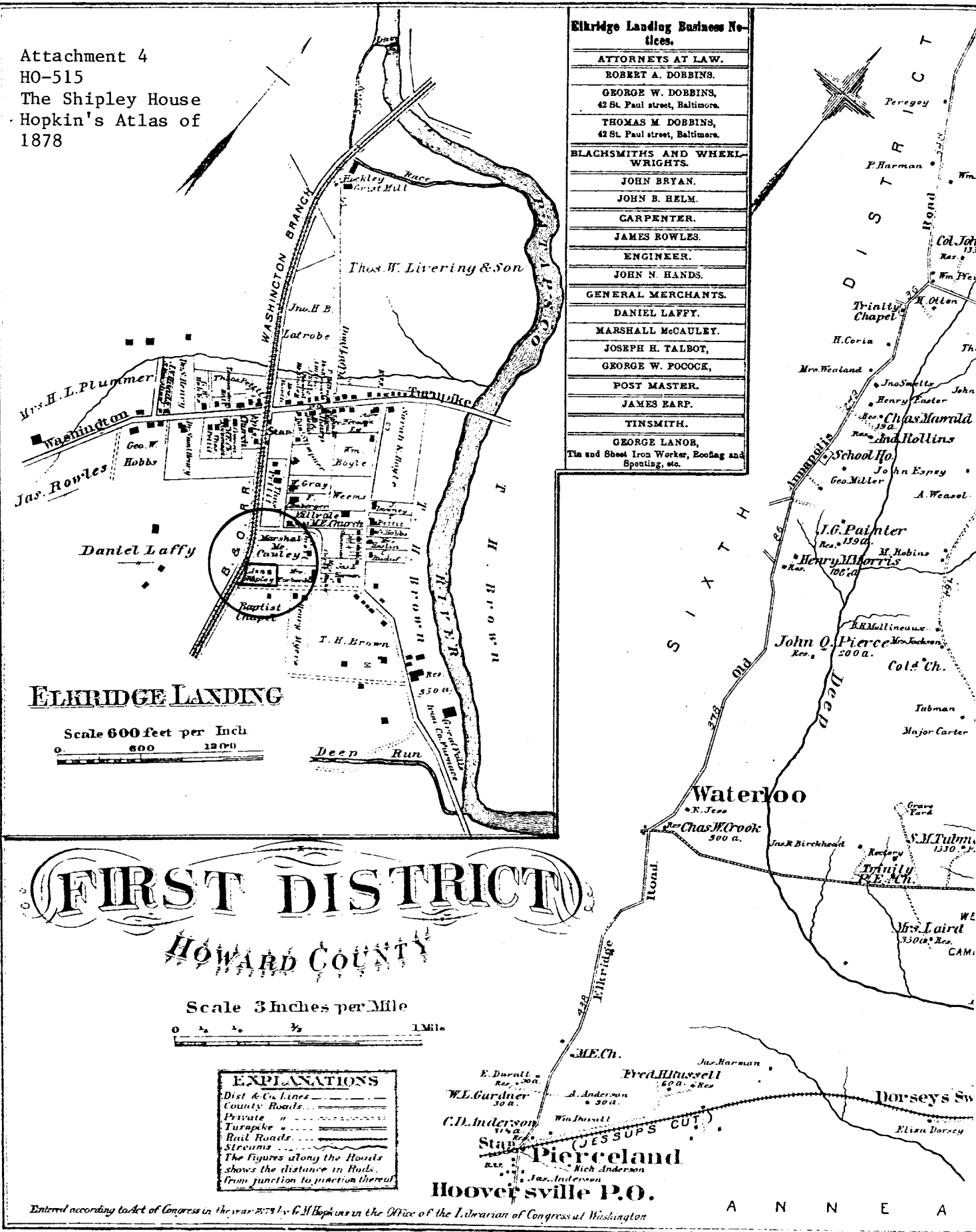




Attachment 3
HO-515
The Shipley House
Martennet Map of 1860



Attachment 4
HO-515
The Shipley House
Hopkin's Atlas of
1878



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Attachment 2
HO-515
The Shipley House
U.S. Geological Survey Map
Relay, Maryland Quadrangle

FLOOD

PRONE

AREA

Cowdensville

Arbutus Mem
Park Cem

St Johns
Ch

Relay

St Denis

PATA

PATA
STATE

INTL CHARGE
Tower

Pumping
Sta

Drive-in
Theater

Gaines
Ch

West
Bridgeton

Elkridge

Unity



Ho - 515
The Shipley House
8W

Cleora Thompson ALCP
February, 1979